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TAGS: OVIP (CARTER, JIMMY), GW, WB  
SUBJ: PRESIDENTIAL VISIT TO FRANKFURT

REF: (A) STATE 155685; (B) FRANKFURT 4900;  
(C) STATE 153328; (B) STATE 145957

1. IN PREPARATION FOR THE JULY 4 VISIT OF THE PRE-ADVANCE  
TEAM, WE HAVE MET WITH FRANKFURT CITY OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS  
THEIR IDEAS FOR THE JULY 15 PROGRAM FOR THE PRESIDENT.

2. FRANKFURT OFFICIALS TENTATIVELY PROPOSE RE-ARRANGING  
ORDER OF EXCHANGE OF REMARKS AND SIGNING OF GOLDEN BOOK.

3. SCHEDULE FOR FRANKFURT VISIT NOW PROPOSED BY CITY AS  
FOLLOWS:

11:00 A.M. - ARRIVE FRANKFURT CITY HAL AND  
PROCEED DIRECTLY TO LORD MAYOR'S  
SUITE WHERE MEMBERS OF PRESIDENT'S

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PARTY WILL HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO  
"REFRESH THEMSELVES". (FIVE MINUTES.)  
11:05 A.M. - PROCEED TO HALL OF EMPERORS, SHORT  
DISTANCE FROM LORD MAYOR'S SUITE  
AND ON SAME FLOOR IN CITY HALL.  
SIGNING OF GOLDEN BOOK. LORD MAYOR  
WOULD INTRODUCE PRESIDENT TO LEADING CITY

GOVERNMENTS OFFICIALS.

NOTE: HESSIAN STATE CABINET MAY ALSO BE  
THERE TO BE INTRODUCED TO THE  
PRESIDENT. (TEN MINUTES)

11:15 A.M. - EXCHANGE OF REMARKS WITH LORD MAYOR.  
(FIFTEEN MINUTES)

4. CITY OFFICIALS HAVE INTRODUCED FOLLOWING NEW  
ELEMENTS FOR CONSIDERATION:

A. CITY OFFICIALS SUGGEST THAT EXCHANGE OF REMARKS  
MIGHT BE DONE FROM A BALCONY OVERLOOKING THE SQUARE AND JUST  
OFF THE HALL OF EMPERORS. WE TOLD THEM THAT THERE MAY BE  
A PREFERENCE FOR EXCHANGE OF REMARKS FROM A PLATFORM IMMEDIATELY  
IN FRONT OF CITY HALL AS THIS WOULD PRESENT GREATER  
OPPORTUNITY TO MINGLE BRIEFLY WITH SPECTATORS. CITY OFFICIALS  
INDICATE THAT THEY HAVE AN OPEN MIND ON SITE FOR EXCHANGE  
OF REMARKS, BUT SUGGEST SECURITY AS A FACTOR TO BE TAKEN  
INTO ACCOUNT.

B. A REASON THAT CITY OFFICIALS FAVOR EXCHANGE OF REMARKS  
FROM BALCONY IS THAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO EXPAND THE VISIT  
TO FRANKFURT BY 15 MINUTES AND USE THE ADDITIONAL QUARTER  
HOURS TO SHOW THE PRESIDENT SOME OF THE ART AND HISTORICAL  
TREASURES OF THE HOLY ROMAN EMPIRE, WHICH WOULD BE ASSEMBLED  
FOR DISPLAY IN A ROOM ADJACENT TO THE HALL OF EMPERORS.  
WE HAVE INFORMED THE CITY AUTHORITIES OF OUR FIRM UNDERSTANDING  
THAT THE PRESIDENT'S SCHEDULE PERMITS HIM ONLY 30 MINUTES  
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IN FRANKFURT AND THAT IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE TO EXPAND THE  
PROGRAM AT FRANKFURT BY 15 MINUTES.

5. GIFTS - CITY OFFICIALS TELL US THAT THEY PLAN TO GIVE  
THE PRESIDENT A MOMENTO RELATING TO THE HISTORICAL TIES  
BETWEEN FRANKFURT AND THE UNITED STATES. PRESENT THINKING  
IS THAT IT SHOULD BE BASED ON RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED  
STATES AND THE FREE CITY OF FRANKFURT AT THE TIME OF THE 1848  
CONGRESS. THE CITY PLANS TO GIVE MRS. CARTER AN EXAMPLE OF  
HOECHST PORCELAIN AND MAY AND ANTIQUE TOY FROM THE CITY'S  
COLLECTION.

6. FIRST LADY PROGRAM THE CITY OFFICIALS ALSO INFORM US  
THAT THEY ARE DEVELOPING A PROPOSAL FOR A SEPARATE PROGRAM  
FOR MRS. CARTER FOR THE 9-11 A. M TIME-BLOCK IN THE EVENT  
THAT SHE AND AMY WOULD PREFER NOT TO VISIT BRIGADE 76 AT  
WIESBADEN-ERBENHEIM. THIS PROGRAM WOULD BEGIN WITH COFFEE  
AT THE BIRTHPLACE OF FRANKFURT'S MOST ADMIRER NATIVE SON,  
JOHANN WOLFGANG GOETHE, FOLLOWED BY A QUICK TOUR TO SEE SOME  
OF THE MORE FAMOUS PAINTINGS AT THE FRANKFURT ART MUSEUM AND  
ALSO THE MUSEUM OF HANDICRAFTS (MUSEUM FÜR KUNSTHANDWERK).  
AS THE GOETHE HOUSE AND THE MUSEUMS ARE WITHIN A FEW

BLOCKS OF THE CITY HALL, MRS. CARTER COULD EASILY MEET THE  
PRESIDENT AT 11 A.M. AT THE LORD MAYOR'S SUITE.

7. WE SEE SOME MERIT IN CITY OFFICIALS SUGGESTIONS EXCEPT  
FOR PROPOSAL TO EXTEND STAY FROM 30 TO 45 MINUTES. WHILE  
DECISIONS NEED NOT NECESSARILY BE MADE BEFORE JULY 4  
VISIT OF PRE-ADVANCE TEAM, ANY GUIDANCE PRIOR TO THAT DATE  
WOULD BE USEFUL ESPECIALLY ON QUESTION OF GIFTS, PROPOSED  
FIRST LADY PROGRAM AND REVERSAL OF SEQUENCE OF EVENTS.LEHMANN

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